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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: applicant recites a freight train comprised of at least two storage cars for bulk material. The storage cars are comprised of loading containers extending in a longitudinal direction and the storage cars are supported on undercarriages for movement on a track. Each storage car is further comprised of a bottom conveyor band extending in the longitudinal direction for conveying the bulk material in a conveying direction from the rear end to a front end of the loading container. A transfer conveyor band is located at the front end of the loading container, the transfer conveyor band being arranged to receive the conveyed bulk material from the bottom conveyor band and projecting from the front end to a preceding one of the two storage cars to transfer the conveyed bulk material to the loading container of the preceding storage car where the transferred bulk material forms a bulk material pile. The device is further comprised of a sensor device mounted in the loading container at the rear end thereof for sensing a maximally acceptable height of the bulk material pile. A control connected to the sensor device for automatically actuating drives for the bottom and transfer conveyor bands.

The prior art made of reference, taken singularly or in combination, does not adequately disclose the features recited in the instant claims. Specifically the prior art does not specifically disclose the placement of a sensor or control device on the freight cars as recited in the instant claims.

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305-0581. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00am

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, S. Joseph Morano can be reached on (703) 308-0230. The fax phone

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